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SUBJECT: CHARGES OF U.S. PLAN TO DESTABILIZE JAMAICA
1. (C) SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED JAMAICA DAILY NEWS RECENTLY PRINTED TWO ARTICLES CONCERNING USG INTERFERENCE IN JAMAICAN AFFAIRS. THE FIRST, ATRIBUTED TO THE AMSTERDAM NEWS, SAID THE BLACK CAUCUS IS ACCUSING THE NSC OF DESTABILIZING THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT. A CUBAN REPORT CLAIMING CIA RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RECENT EVENTIDE HOME FIRE IN KINGSTON (IN WHICH 150 ELDERLY WOMEN LOST THEIR LIVES) WAS CARRIED AS A PART OF THIS ARTICLE. THE SECOND ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT MERCENARIES ARE BEING TRAINED IN FLORIDA FOR ACTION ON AN UNNAMED CARIBBEAN ISLAND. SUCH ALLEGATIONS APPEARING RIGHT AFTER THE VISIT OF DR. FRED LANDIS (KINGSTON 3807) AND DURING A VIOLENCE-RIDDEN ELECTION CAMPAIGN HERE ARE PROBABLY BEING ORCHESTRATED BY THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY, PERHAPS IN COOPERATION WITH THE VERY ACTIVE
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CUBAN EMBASSY HERE TO PUT THE BLAME FOR THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE ON THE U.S., AND TO PORTRAY THE U.S. AS AN EVEIL MONSTER OUT TO DESTROY PEACE AND PROGRESS AND ROB JAMAICA AND OTHERS OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. END SUMMARY.
2. (U) THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED JAMAICA DAILY NEWS CARRIED ARTICLES IN ITS EDITIONS OF MAY 23 AND 27 ALLEGING PLANS ARE BEING FORMULATED IN THE UNITED STATES TO DESTABILIZE THE PRESENT JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE OF MAY 23 REPORTS THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS HAVE CHARGED THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS A DELIBERATE PLAN WHICH AIMS TO "HEIGHTEN POLITICAL UNREST AND ECONOMIC INSTABILITY IN JAMAICA AND CULMINATE IN THE OUSTER OF PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY".

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THE ARTICLE, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON CHAUNCY BAILEY'S CARIBEAT COLUMN IN THE NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS, FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THESE EFFORTS WERE PART OF A PLAN OF "CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL INTERESTS...TO DICTATE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE THIRD WORLD".

3. (U) THE ABOVE ARTICLE ALSO CARRIED CHARGES MADE IN THE CUBAN NEWSPAPER GRANMA THAT THE CIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF APPROXIMATELY 150 AGED WOMEN IN A FIRE AT THE EVENTIDE HOME FOR INDIGENTS IN KINGSTON AND LINKING THE TRAGEDY WITH A FIRE IN THE CUBAN LE VAN TAM CHILDREN'S NURSERY. THE KINGSTON FIRE WAS ANOTHER INCIDENT IN A LONG-STANDING "DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN OF THE CIA, OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS CONTROLLED BY THE UNITED STATES, OF THE PROPAGANDA CIRCLES AND THE FASCIST BANDS AT THE SERVICE OF INTERNATIONAL REACTION". THE ARTICLE CONTINUED BY MAKING THE CHARGE THAT THE REACTIONARIES IN THE U.S. WANTED TO TAKE POPULAR SUPPORT AWAY FROM MANLEY IN ORDER TO INSTALL A RIGHT-WING REGIME. (COPIES OF THE ARTICLE WERE

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DISTRIBUTED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND OTHERS HERE, "COMPLIMENTS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY".)

4. (U) IN THE MAY 27 EDITION OF THE DAILY NEWS, AN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "BLACK ARMY TRAINS IN FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN SERVICE" ALLEGES THAT A MYSTERIOUS ARMY IS TRAINING IN MIAMI FOR SERVICE IN AN UNNAMED CARIBBEAN ISLAND. THIS ARTICLE CLAIMED THE REPORT WAS BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AN UNEMPLOYED BLACK AMERICAN WHO HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP. THE INFORMANT, WHO SAID HE HAD ONLY SCANTY INFORMATION BECUASE HE HAD MADE ONLY PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH THE GROUP, CLAIMED THAT THE TWO NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS TO JOIN WERE TO BE BLACK AND TO BE WILLING TO FIGHT TO LIBERATE AN UNNAMED CARIBBEAN ISLAND. THE NEWS REPORTER ASKED THE INFORMANT IF THESE PLANS COULD POSSIBLY BE AIMED AT JAMAICA, A QUESTION THAT THE ARTICLE LEAVES UNANSWERED. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT ERIC GAIRY, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF GREANDA, HAS REPEATEDLY STATED HIS INTENTION TO RETURN TO TAKE BACK POWER IN HIS ISLAND HOMELAND.

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5. (C) COMMENT: THESE ARTICLES, ALONG WITH THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT CIA-DAILY GLEANER COOPERATION (KINGSTON 3807) ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS OF A PNP CAMPAIGN, REMINISCENT OF THE 1976 PRE-ELECTION PERIOD, TO TRUMP UP CHARGES OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL JAMAICAN AFFAIRS. THE REPORT CONCERNIN G THE ALLEGED ANDREW YOUNG/BLACK CAUCUS STATEMENT AND THE CUBAN CHARGE VIA GRANMA OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE EVENTIDE FIRE ARE COMBINED IN ONE ARTICLE WITH THE HEADING, "ANDREW YOUNG, CONGRESSMAN JULIEN DIXON CONFIRM DESTABILIZATION PLAN" TNUS MAKING IT APPEAR AS THOUGH THE TWO AMERICANS WERE ALSO CONFIRMING THE GRANMA REPORT. THE SECOND REPORT OF A BLACK MERCENARY FORCE TO FIGHT IN THE CARIBBEAN IS BASED ON AN UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT ABOUT WHICH THE DAILY NEWS QUESTIONED THE EMBASSY ONLY AFTER IT HAD PRINTED THE ARTICLE.
6. (C) REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT ASCERTAIN BACKGROUD OF THE ABOVE STORIES IF POSSIBLE. ALSO, WE RECOMMEND THAT A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN GIVE THE LIE TO THE ABSURT, SCANDALOUS
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CHARGE BY THE CUBANS THAT THE USG IS INVOLVED IN BURNING NURSERIES AND HOMES FOR AGED INDIGENTS. IF ASKED, WE INTEND TO CATEGORIZE THESE CHARGES AS OUTRAGEIOUS AND ABSURD. (INCIDENTALLY, THE JAMAICANS ARE NOT TAKING THE CHARGES SERIOUSLY).
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